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* THE FAMINE EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN. . . . THE FAMINE EMERGENCY CAM- *
* PAIGN ROUNDUP which summa- *
* rizes the week's campaign activities and provides background in- *
* formation is being sent you regularly. Keep the Roundups for *
* the "continued story" as the campaign moves ahead. *

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . April 18, the House passed the bill to continue price control and subsidies..

The House agreed to the conference report on the Philippine trade bill (ready for the President); the Senate received an appropriation estimate of \$400,000 for farm wage stabilization; the House passed a bill to give veterans a higher priority for surplus property--on April 19, the Senate agreed to the House amendment to this bill (ready for the President); the Senate received an appropriation estimate of \$195,100 for rubber research; Senator Thomas of Oklahoma introduced a bill to continue federal operation of the Agricultural Conservation Program. April 24, the Senate Appropriations Committee reported the second deficiency appropriation bill with amendments to provide for the return of FCA to Washington and to increase the amounts for insect and plant disease control, water facilities, and forest recreational areas; the Senate Finance Committee reported a bill to authorize this Department to condemn unfit materials to be used in process or renovated butter.

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MORE ABOUT HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK, particularly plans for local and national observance, are included in a third fact sheet just released. It describes plans for a luncheon meeting in Washington May 6 at which Secretary Anderson and four farm women, members of home demonstration groups, will speak. Copies of Fact Sheet No. 3 on the Week may be obtained from the Office of Information.

National Home Demonstration Week is being featured widely in magazines, newspapers, and on the radio. See the May 11 issue of Liberty Magazine for an illustrated story on home demonstration work in Tennessee and the June issue of Farm Journal for an account of the daily routine of a home demonstration agent in New York State.

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WATCH YOUR DATES! May 5-12, National Home Demonstration Week. . . .

Community Welfare. . . . May 7, at USDA, Womens' Institute on Home Economics and Washington. May 7, International Cotton Advisory Committee meets in Washington. May 13-14, annual meeting of farm paper editors in Washington. May 13-17, Extension Editor Advisory Committee meets in Washington. Week of May 20, Washington meeting of Food and Agriculture Organization June 11-18, National 4-H Camp in Washington

PORTABLE COTTON EXHIBIT. . . . The Department's Exhibits Service is preparing to send some 1,000 copies of a portable cotton exhibit to Southern State Extension offices in the early summer. They will be passed on to the county agents in the cotton States who are cooperating in plans to display the exhibit at all agricultural fairs possible and to supplement the exhibit with locally adapted materials. Plans for this unusually thorough "coverage" were discussed at the Southern Regional Conference of extension people in Washington last week.

The exhibit has a cover section and 8 smaller sections 22" x 28"--one on the general theme of the cotton program and one on each of the seven steps in the cotton campaign. The county agent may retain the exhibit and display it at banks, stores, schools, fairs and other events as he sees fit.

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SOME RECENT USDA RELEASES. . . . Six-point program for famine relief announced by Secretary Anderson April 19--849; Wanted! Slogans for Famine Emergency Program--858; WFO-9, amend. 7 applied to 1946 soybean crop--852; Potato support prices increased--862; Apple set-aside order (WFO 143) terminated--864; USDA announces committee on interstate poultry testing--859; Department stores to cooperate in famine relief--873; 1946 sugar allocation recommended by Combined Food Board--872.

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . Statement elaborating on dairy products program announced by OES April 15. Program designed to increase dairymen's returns, encourage production, and prevent rise in dairy product prices--OES Release No. 48; OPA announces Spare Stamp 49 good for five pounds of sugar beginning 5/1/46 and ending 8/31/46--OPA-6427.

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A BUMPER POTATO CROP is the outlook for the spring crop. In fact--one of the largest and best quality crops on record is predicted if conditions remain favorable.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON is scheduled to speak at the 34th annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in Atlantic City, April 30.

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FAO AND THE USDA. . . . Secretary's memorandum No. 1158 sets out the important part USDA will play in the work and interests of FAO and explains the liaison between the Department and FAO. "Except for routine matters," the memorandum states, "such as the receipt and transmittal of routine information and published materials, the relationship of the Department with FAO will be carried on through the Department of State." In the same memorandum OFAR was named the Department agency responsible for coordinating the relationships of USDA and FAO, "through or with the approval of the Department of State."

FAO has called a meeting in Washington the week beginning May 20 to discuss urgent food problems "with a view to coordinating efforts to meet world food needs in the winter of 1946-47 and through the following year." Representatives of UNRRA, the Combined Food Board, other international organizations concerned with food, and ministers from some countries, especially those "that have a major contribution to make," have been invited to meet with FAO representatives.

Another FAO Information Service Bulletin was issued this month. It gives more details of the May meeting as well as other FAO news items. A booklet of 24 pages telling what FAO means TO YOU and written by Gove Hambidge, Information Director of FAO, was recently released. Copies of the Information Service Bulletin or the booklet may be obtained from the Director of Information, Food and Agriculture Organization, 2000 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

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THE 6th REPORT OF OWMR recently released, discusses several problems of the transition period of interest to agriculture. Various charts and diagrams demonstrate world food deficits, housing and clothing needs, and the like. Single copies of the 56-page report entitled "Production Moves Ahead," may be obtained from the Office of Information.

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MAY 4 -- USDA RADIO PROGRAMS

CONSUMER TIME, NBC, 12:15 p.m., EST. Dramatized story of the work of home demonstration agents - - emphasizing National Home Demonstration week, May 5-12.

NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR, NBC, 1:00 p.m., EST. Summary of USDA news developments for farmers; five-minute feature entitled "Department of Agriculture Headlines."

AMERICAN FARMER, ABC, 12:30 p.m., EST. Weekly USDA report for farmers called "The Business Side of Farming."

